

I oppose this petition because its implementation would continue morse code testing requirement for operation on HF frequencies. The testing of this skill does not represent a unique skill necessary for technical expertise in radio operation. Continuing this requirement creates a barrier to the continued success of amateur radio as a viable hobby. It perpetuates the dominance of the hobby by those with a demonstrated ability in morse. This ability does indicate any real ability in radio operation other than the mode itself. It is akin to saying that because I can roll my tongue a certain way therefore I should have have special privileges above all others. Morse code is a language. The study of the brain has shown that the ability to learn new languages over time is reduced. If you learned morse as youngster, therefore you are more likely to be proficient. There also appears to be those that are adept at learning new languages over others. To use a skill like this to determine access to something is clearly discriminatory in nature. Please do not implement this petition.

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